

# May 2016 Innovator

## News

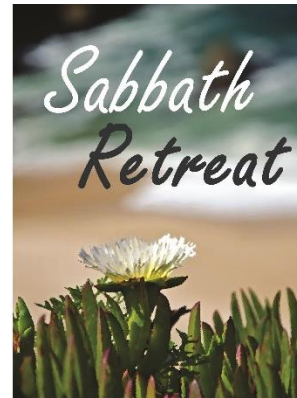
- 9:15 Traditional Worship
- 9:15 Sunday School
- 10:10 Refreshments and Fellowship in the Hall
- 10:45 Christ Connection Praise Worship



**9:30am Worship begins May 29<sup>th</sup>**

### **MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> WORSHIP & SABBATH RETREAT**

We will begin the morning with a continental breakfast at 8:45am followed by a Traditional Worship Service at 9:15am. From 10:30am—2:30pm, you are invited to participate in our Sabbath Retreat which will include discussions about sabbatical insights and future steps for our church. Lunch and a performance by African Harmony will also be included. The afternoon concludes with a Praise Worship Service at 2:30pm. Everyone is invited to retreat even if you can only stay for part of the day.



Please mark your calendars to attend our Annual Meeting which will be held on May 22nd between services. We will be electing new members to our session, deacons, audit, personnel, and nominating committees.

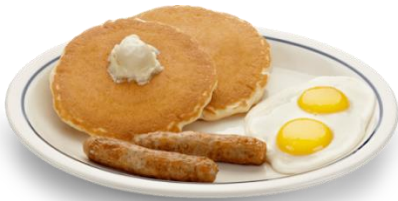
## WORK CAMP FUNDRAISERS



Please support Workcamp 2016 through the "Wall of Money" which is in the entryway. Please donate the amount of money indicated on an envelope and follow the enclosed instructions. Your donation will support our youth and their mission work in Imperial, Pennsylvania from July 28 – August 6. Thank you for making God's love visible!

### GERTEN'S PLANTS & FLOWERS WORKCAMP FUNDRAISER

If you ordered plants, you can pick them up on May 22<sup>nd</sup> between 10:00am-12:15pm and May 23 between 5:30-6:30pm.



### ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

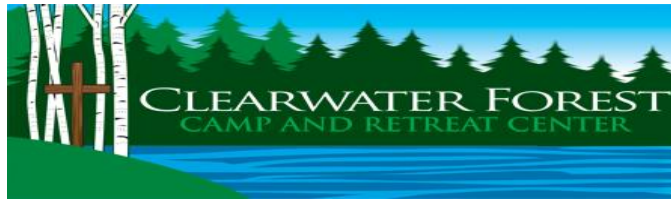
The youth will be hosting the 2nd Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser after the church service on June 5th. Presale tickets will be available to purchase in the Gathering Space/Narthex beginning May 8<sup>th</sup> for \$8/adults. Prices at the door are: \$10/adults and \$5/kids 6-12. Kids who are under 5 are free. Please join us!

### TRIENNIUM 2016

All youth planning on attending Triennium are asked to participate in Pre-Event Gatherings. Attendance at these events are required; however, they realize that there may be some scheduling conflicts that prevent you from attending every event. Since we have a large number of youth attending, we will make arrangements to share transportation to these events. Please mark the following dates on your calendars.

- Sunday, May 15 ~ PYT Pre-Event Gathering #2: 4-6pm at New Life Presbyterian, Roseville
- Wednesday, June 15 ~ PYT Pre-Event Service Night: 8-9:30pm at Feed My Starving Children, Eagan
- Tuesday, July 12 ~ Commissioning of PYT participants at First Presbyterian, Red Wing: 4pm



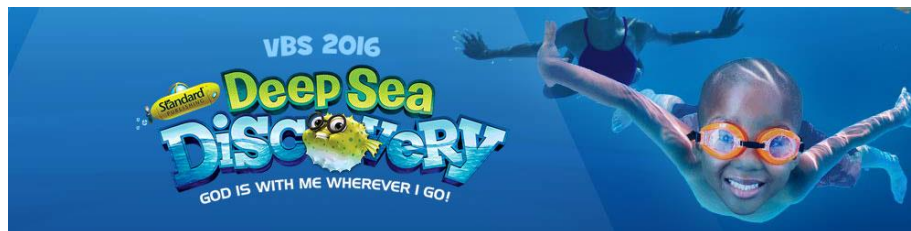


### Financial Assistance for Clearwater

The endowment committee and/ or a few members of our congregation are eager to offer financial assistance to any member in need so they can attend camp. They are glad to invest in the blessings that abound from the camp experience. Talk to Pastor James or Bruce Beck of the Endowment Committee if your child wants to attend camp but you are short on the funds for the camp.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION

Children are invited to a Sunday School Celebration on Sunday, May 22nd, at 9:15am. Please join us for a morning of crafts, games, singing, and goodies as we celebrate the end of the great Sunday School year.



At Deep Sea Discovery VBS, kids dive into God's presence by delving deep into God's Word to see how God has been with God's people every step of the way. Every kid will sail away each day saying "God is with me – wherever I go! He KNOWS me, HEARS me, STRENGTHENS me, LOVES me, and SENDS me!" Hands-on service projects and sea science will help kids experience a VBS adventure like no other! More details to come.



Lifetouch Photography will be taking photographs for our new church directory on May 12-13 and May 22-24. If you have any questions, please contact Annette Sandager at [jasandager@hotmail.com](mailto:jasandager@hotmail.com).



**SHOW BOAT IS A'COMIN'**  
*to Harriet Island across the river  
from downtown St. Paul.*

So save the date of August 13th (that's a Saturday matinee). This year's melodrama is "Under the Gaslight". The group rate is \$18. Watch for the sign-up in the Narthex/Gathering Space. If you haven't come before but are curious, call Susanne Meyer at 651-777-6979.



**FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL**

Travel where St. Paul journeyed, discover Modern & Ancient Greece, tour Athens to Corinth, Ephesus & Delphi, and cruise among the Greek Islands. An informational meeting will be held Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at North Church. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Hagen at 651-739-3224 or [lhagen\\_5@q.com](mailto:lhagen_5@q.com).

**NO COFFEE/DONUTS BEFORE WORSHIP  
THIS SUMMER**

Due to lack of volunteers, North Church will not be providing coffee and donuts before worship starting with Memorial Day and through Labor Day worship services. We will resume providing regular coffee/donuts again in the fall.



Over the last few months, we collected 129 pounds of aluminum cans and recycled them at 45 cents a pound. We were able to donate \$58.05 to Houses for Haiti. Keep up the good work!

## **FAITH COMMISSION MISSION MATTERS**

*By Pat McKisson*

### **'PENTECOST OFFERING'**

On May 15, which is Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit as a bringer of new life. With the Spirit's coming, we no longer need to settle for business as usual but can know the transforming, redeeming love of God that makes the impossible possible.

The Pentecost Offering is one of the four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). When you give to the Pentecost Offering during Sunday morning worship, you help bring God's transforming, redeeming love to children at risk, guide and nurture young people's growing faith, and provide opportunities for young adults to become spiritual leaders—all in the name of Jesus Christ.

Forty percent of the Offering stays within our own congregation to support ministries that help youth and children at risk. The remainder is sent to the Presbyterian Mission Agency to support other programs that help youth and young adults and advocate for children at risk. Thank you for your support of the Pentecost Offering.



**PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN**

**PW NEWS**

*by Pat McKisson*

### ***HONOR THE WOMEN IN YOUR LIFE***

P.W.'s **Annual Mother's Day Project** is a special mission opportunity to help transform the lives of women and children through Healthy Women Healthy Families (a global poverty alleviation ministry) co-sponsored by Presbyterian World Mission and Presbyterian Women since 2001. Donations to honor your mother, grandmother, or any significant woman in your life will be accepted **May 1st** at the P.W. table in the Narthex. Thank you in advance for all support of this mission project.



**Way to go women of North Church!** The \$50 you gave, helped contribute to the needs of the hungry in St. Paul. Together we can help make a difference!

**INTERFAITH ACTION OF GREATER ST. PAUL GIVING NEWS**  
(From their newsletter dated April 2016)

**Winning the Food Fight during March Food Share.**

We are honored by the participants of the Minnesota Food-Share's March Campaign. This is the only statewide effort where every dollar donated goes directly to food shelves to purchase food for the hungry.



We have received a total of 4,652 pounds of food and \$4,323 from individuals during the month of March. That includes GiveMN giving, other online gifts given through our Interfaith Action web page and checks. That is \$1100 more than we raised from individuals last March.

Congratulations to the fundraisers for their great work! AND a very special thank you to all the individuals that contributed to this campaign. Your gifts make all the difference for families who use the food shelf!

**UPCOMING PW EVENTS IN 2016**

*(Questions? Contact Pat McKisson)*

**Wednesday, May 18**  
**June 15 - 18**

*North P.W. Spring Event – ALL ARE WELCOME*  
*Synod Gathering of Presbyterian Women*

**Ongoing P.W. projects:**

- 1) Assemble Church World Service baby care, hygiene, and school kits.
- 2) Knit baby caps.
- 3) Make dresses and britches for Little Dresses for Africa and Haiti,
- 4) Support Fellowship of the Least Coin,
- 5) Support Sunshine Bag collection for Church Women United of Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul for the Native American Christmas Party.
- 6) Hold semi-annual clothing drives for Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church's clothing center.
- 7) Support Brittany's Place as our 2016 Mission of the Year.



### **GRANT TASKFORCE MEMBERS NEEDED!**

We are looking for individuals, like you, to share your vision. It could be an exciting, new ministry or a revitalization of a current one. The taskforce is committed to writing a grant to the Presbytery of the Twin Cities for up to \$20,000 each year for up to 5 years. Your commitment would be for a one-year term. For more information, please contact Mike Gerhardson, Jeff Sandager, Terrie Arfi, or Lonnie Rangel.

In the absence of the pastor or when contact with the session is desired, the elder on call for the month of May is Jim Holle, 612-919-4183. You may also contact Pastor Gail at 727-278-3511 or 715-778-4408.



Thank you to all of our friends at North Church for the cards, phone calls and well wishes for Gerry as he recovered from a serious infection. ~ June and Gerry Dalquist

Thank you for supporting the Remember Niger Coalition's food program through your "Souper Bowl" donation. As we all know, good nutrition plays a key role in learning, and your gift will help provide many meals for the students in our schools. Thanks again! ~ Karen Pepin, RNC Board Secretary

Thank you very much for your gift of \$50 to the Department of Indian Work Food Shelf. Your contribution is greatly appreciated, and you are helping to meet a very important need in our community. Thank you for your ongoing support. ~ Kathy Denman-Wilke, Director, Department of Indian Work

Thank you for your donation of 43 pounds of food items in March which helped our food shelf's participation in the Minnesota Food Share March Campaign. As we distribute over 25,000 pounds of food per month, your donation will help us to continue to serve families from North St. Paul and Oakdale. Thank you again and God bless you. ~ Linda and Dave Zick, North St. Paul Area Food Shelf



**Sunday, May 1**

9:15am Sunday School  
 9:15am Traditional Worship  
 10:10am Refreshments  
 10:45am Praise Worship  
 12:45pm El Shadai Leadership  
 1:30pm El Shadai

**Monday, May 2**

9:30am PW Coordinating Team

**Tuesday, May 3**

9:00am Comforters  
 11:45am RPR  
 7:00pm Northern Bells

**Wednesday, May 4**

10:00am Choral Bells  
 7:00pm Choir Practice  
 7:30pm Praise Band

**Thursday, May 5**

6:00pm El Shadai  
 6:30pm Faith Commission  
 7:00pm Life, Stewardship & Nurture

**Saturday, May 7**

2:00pm El Shadai

**Sunday, May 8 ~ Mother's Day**

9:15am Sunday School  
 9:15am Traditional Worship  
 10:10am Refreshments  
 10:25am Teacher/Leader Recognition  
 10:45am Praise Worship  
 12:45pm El Shadai Leadership  
 1:30pm El Shadai

**Monday, May 9**

8:00am ARM Breakfast  
 9:30am Ruth Circle  
 7:00pm Personnel

**Tuesday, May 10**

9:00am Comforters  
 11:45am RPR  
 1:00pm Rachel Circle  
 7:00pm Northern Bells  
 7:00pm WOW

**Wednesday, May 11**

10:00am Choral Bells  
 6:00pm Sarah Circle  
 7:00pm Choir Practice  
 7:30pm Praise Band

**Thursday, May 12**

**Lifetouch Pictures**

5:30pm Great Rivers District Meeting  
 6:00pm El Shadai  
 6:30pm Cub Scouts  
 6:30pm Music Sense Band

**Friday, May 13**

**Lifetouch Pictures**

**Saturday, May 14**

**Lifetouch Pictures**

2:00pm El Shadai Music Lessons  
 3:00pm El Shadai

**Sunday, May 15 ~ Pentecost**

**Sabbath Retreat**

8:45am Continental Breakfast  
 9:15am Sunday School  
 9:15am Traditional Worship  
 10:10am Refreshments  
 10:30am Pastor James' Sabbatical Sightings  
 11:00am Small Group Insights  
 12:00pm Lunch  
 12:45pm El Shadai Leadership  
 1:00pm African Harmony  
 1:15pm Next Steps by Pastor James  
 1:30pm El Shadai  
 1:30pm Small Group Next Steps  
 2:30pm Praise Worship  
 4:00pm Triennium Gathering #2

**Monday, May 16**

3:00pm Guild Meeting  
 6:00pm Quilt Guild  
 6:30pm Trip to Greece Meeting  
 7:00pm Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, May 17**

9:00am Comforters  
 11:45am RPR  
 7:00pm Northern Bells

**Wednesday, May 18**

10:00am Choral Bells  
 11:30am PW Spring Event  
 7:00pm Choir Practice  
 7:30pm Praise Band

**Thursday, May 19**

6:00pm El Shadai  
 6:30pm Music Sense Band



**Saturday, May 21**

8:00am Gertens Plant Delivery  
 2:00pm El Shadai

**Sunday, May 22****Lifetouch Pictures**

9:15am Sunday School Celebration  
 9:15am Traditional Worship  
 10:00am Gertens Plant Pick-Up  
 10:10am Refreshments  
 10:15am Annual Congregational Meeting  
 10:45am Praise Worship  
 12:45pm El Shadai Leadership  
 1:30pm El Shadai

**Monday, May 23****Lifetouch Pictures**

5:30pm Gertens Plant Pick-Up  
 7:00pm Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, May 24****Lifetouch Pictures**

9:00am Comforters  
 11:45am RPR  
 7:00pm Northern Bells

**Wednesday, May 25**

10:00am Choral Bells  
 6:30pm Officer Orientation  
 7:00pm Choir Practice

**Thursday, May 26**

6:00pm El Shadai  
 6:30pm Music Sense Band  
 7:00pm Session  
 7:30pm New Officers with Session

**Saturday, May 28**

2:00pm El Shadai Music Lessons  
 3:00pm El Shadai

**Sunday, May 29**

9:30am Worship in the Sanctuary  
 12:45pm El Shadai Leadership  
 1:30pm El Shadai

**Monday, May 30****Innovator Articles Due**

7:00pm Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, May 31**

9:00am Comforters  
 11:45am RPR



Cathy Hickman	May 3	Kevin Carlson	May 17
Harold Yates	May 4	Robyn Marah	May 17
Craig Seyforth	May 4	John Ruppel	May 19
Gary Lambert	May 5	Janet Schroeder	May 20
Karen Pepin	May 6	Marilyn Zakrzewski	May 22
Lynne Beck	May 7	Dale Grapp	May 24
Betsy Hoffman	May 8	Marye Snyder	May 24
Erik Pepin	May 9	Sean Bearth	May 25
John Snell	May 10	Sarah Bearth	May 25
Linda Hagen	May 10	Virginia Gleason	May 26
Henry Rausch	May 11	Annaliese Pepin	May 27
Allen Hicks	May 11	Sam Glasenapp	May 27
Joshua Oji	May 11	Jade Gray	May 28
Doug Pepin	May 13	Jane Wolfram	May 29
Bryan Ross	May 13	Ruth Bullis	May 30
Jan Nelson	May 16	Julliet Tah	May 31

